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SUBJECT: PROPOSED INFORMATION EXCHANGE MEETINGS

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PROPOSE MEETINGS OF NRC, STA, AND MITI, TO DISCUSS RECENT NUCLEAR REACTOR OPERATING EXPERIENCE IN US AND JAPAN. (END SUMMARY)
2. EMBASSY ERDA REPRESENTATIVE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT NRC ARRANGEMENT ADMINISTRATOR MATSUDA (STA), AND SUIHIRO OR THE PERSON OF YOUR CHOICE IN MITI, DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, AND REPORT THEIR REPLY.
3. DEAR MESSRS MATSUDA AND SUIHIRO:  
UNDER THE TERMS OF OUR ARRANGEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY REGULATORY INFORMATION, NRC PROPOSES TO HAVE TWO MEETINGS, ONE IN TOKYO AND ONE IN WASHINGTON, IN WHICH  
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REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH SIDE WOULD DISCUSS RECENT OPERATING PROBLEMS IN THEIR COUNTRY, AND THE STATUS OF CONTINUING SAFETY PROBLEMS AND LICENSING POLICY ISSUES. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO HOLD THESE TWO MEETINGS ABOUT SIX MONTHS APART AS A TEST OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS METHOD OF EXCHANGING SAFETY INFORMATION. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE FIRST MEETING

BE HELD IN JAPAN DURING SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, 1977; HOWEVER, NRC WOULD BE WILLING TO HOST THE MEETING IN WASHINGTON, IF YOU PREFER.

4. WE WOULD PREFER TO HOLD THE MEETING AND PRINT THE PAPERS IN ENGLISH. HOWEVER, WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER THE COMPLICATIONS AND EXPENSE OF WHATEVER TRANSLATION IS REQUIRED.

5. THE CONDITIONS OF THE 1974 AEC-MITI-STA ARRANGEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF REGULATORY INFORMATION AS SUPPLEMENTED BY MR. GOSSICK'S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 23, 1976, TO MR. MASATO YAMANO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, JAEB, WILL GOVERN THE PROTECTION OF ANY INFORMATION THAT MUST BE GIVEN IN CONFIDENCE.

6. AS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA, WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS FOR THE FIRST MEETING:

A. REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OF LAST SIX MONTHS;

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B. FUEL PERFORMANCE;

C. STEAM GENERATOR INTEGRITY;

D. PIPE AND NOZZLE CRACKING;

E. PRESSURE VESSEL BEHAVIOR.

7. THE US TEAM FOR THIS MEETING WOULD CONSIST OF MEMBERS OF THE NRC SAFETY STAFF (LICENSING, INSPECTION, RESEARCH, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS) AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS. FOR EACH TOPIC, EACH COUNTRY WOULD MAKE A PRESENTATION AND WOULD SUPPLEMENT THIS WITH WRITTEN TECHNICAL NOTES (HANDOUTS).

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8. I WILL BE IN THE FAR EAST AT THE END OF MAY AND BEGINNING OF JUNE, AND WILL BE CONTACTING YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE ABOUT APPOINTMENTS TO DISCUSS THIS MEETING FURTHER.

SIGNED J. D. LAFLEUR, JR.

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